

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 remain in this application. Claims 8-9 and 11-17 have been withdrawn. Claims 18-24 are new.

In the Office action mailed March 21, 2007 the Examiner required restriction between Claims 1-7 and 10 (Group I), drawn to a method of manufacturing a curved flat panel display, and Claims 8-9 and 11-17 (Group II) drawn to a curved flat panel display.

Responsive thereto, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, without traverse and without prejudice to, inter alia, Applicants' right to pursue the withdrawn claims, as well as further product-by-process and/or generic claims, in a divisional application.

In the Office action the Examiner cited U.S. Patent no. 6,332,690 (Murofushi) as disclosing a curved liquid crystal screen being manufactured without the method of Group I. Applicants note that Murofushi does not disclose or suggest a screen comprising a first film adhered to the surface of a second film in such a way that the films are held in a curved shape by means of the adhesion, as recited

in Claim 1 or a first and a second film, adhered to each other, the adhesion being arranged to hold the display device in a curved shape, as recited in Claim 8. Hence, the curved liquid crystal screen of Murofushi cannot be properly compared to the present invention.

In the Office action the Examiner also required election of one of certain species, A1-A4, if Group II were elected. This requirement is moot in view of Applicants' election of Group I.

Claims 18-24 have been added to provide Applicants with protection commensurate in scope with the invention disclosed.

Claims 2-7 have been amended to put them in better U.S. form.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed herein. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No

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arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for consideration by the Examiner. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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